

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota leads the nation with 74 percent of the state's young children having both parents in the work force; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has 49,084 children under age six who need child care when their parent or parents work; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has 1,350 regulated child care programs with the capacity to serve up to 43,176 children, and these programs make it possible for parents to work; and,

Whereas, Quality child care is a valuable support system for employed parents and also benefits the business community by helping to facilitate a strong work force; and,

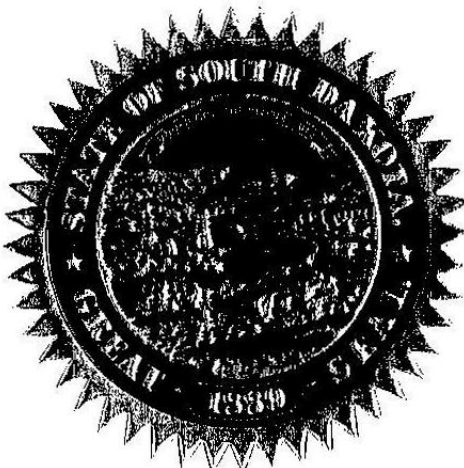
Whereas, The field of early child care requires people with special talents and priorities, and their contributions to a child's future are of great importance; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota will join parents and organizations nationwide to recognize child care providers on this day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2010, as

CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to join me in recognizing child care providers and their important role in South Dakota's future.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State